

2004 Seattle Streetside Garden Contestants

Capitol Hill – Central Area

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Planting Strip

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Planting Strip

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Planting Strip/Tree Pit

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Curb Bulbs

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Traffic Circle

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Traffic Circle

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Planting Strip

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Planting Strip

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Planting Strip

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Traffic Circle

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Traffic Circle

Queen Anne Hill

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Traffic Circle

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Traffic Circle

Southwest

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Planting Strip

39th Avenue SW & SW Ida Street
Traffic Circle

44th Avenue SW & SW Hinds Street
Traffic Circle

Phinney Ave N & N 122nd St



Categories entered: Traffic Circle

Volunteers: Gloria Zimmerman

Year Built: 1999

Years: 5

Size: 12 feet

Description: Never any bare ground, always something interesting! A Year-round beauty.

2004 Plant List: Shasta Daisies, Kinnikinnick, lavender, lupin, and more.

SDOT observations: Looks like they found a new use for that tubular road reflector!

Mulched: No

22nd Ave NW & NW 83rd St



Categories entered: Traffic Circle
Volunteers: Percy Porter
Year Built: 2002

Years: 2
Size: 16 feet

Description: Percy's lavish daily care allows this circle to look its best! Careful planning and plenty of community involvement have helped create a close-knit neighborhood. Percy designed both this circle, and the one on 21st Ave NW. He chose cherry trees match those in the planting strip and adds annuals for even more color.

2004 Plant List: Dwarf Japanese cherry trees, dusty miller, rosemary, Sempervivum, azaleas, Hebe, pansies

SDOT observations: A dwarf rosemary would be a better choice for the center. Volunteer will need to keep this one trimmed down to two feet.

Mulched: No

1473 NW 83rd St
(at Mary Ave NW & NW 83rd St)



Categories entered: Planting Strip

Volunteers: Doug Stapleton

Years: 4

Year Built: n/a

Size: ~75 feet long

Description: A Seattle style cottage garden that has multi-season appeal, but looks best in Spring and Summer.

2004 Plant List: Rosemary, South African bulbs, Katsura trees, calendula, lavender, lithodora, geranium, stachys byzantia, thyme, digitalis, cotoneaster, feather reed grass, blue oat grass, blue fescue, hemerocallis, sword fern, nepeta, ceanothus, lupin, coreopsis, daffodil, artemisia, armeria, saxifraga, allium, papaver, eschscholzia, salvia, lavender, vinca, iris, penstemon, heuchera, sedge, hebe, vine maple, dahlia, crocosmia, lilirope, euphorbia

SDOT observations: This is a huge planting strip on a corner house. Trees in the planting strip will need to be limbed up, and overhead wires may become a problem in the future.

Mulched: Yes

524 N 81st St
(Beyond Dayton Ave N & N 81st St)



Categories entered:	<u>Planting Strip</u>	
Volunteers:	Kelly Carter Mortimer	Years: 5
Year Built:	n/a	Size: ~ 25 feet

Description: It is two mounded beds separated by a rock path. Kelly's goal was to make it look a little like a mountain meadow and rock garden. It requires very little energy to maintain other than pulling clover, grass, dandelion and other weeds in the path and mowing the tiny lawn. It is very drought tolerant. Neighbors really enjoy the texture, contrasts, and the way the different colors play off of each other including the many colors of green. Kelly only uses compost as fertilizer and elbow grease as weed control.

2004 Plant List: Fraxinus-raywood, Narcissus-thalia, Helianthum, Digitalis, dwarf golden spruce, dwarf thuja, Erica, Dierama, Chondropetalum, Geum, Sagina subulata, Rudbeckia, Ajuga, Mexican Hair Grass, Varigated Sage, Chasmanthium latifolium-oat grass, Carex comans-frosted curls, Crocosmia, Aquilegia, Anaphalis, Daphne, Spanish Lavendar, Tam Juniper, Gaillardia, Salal, Creeping Thyme, Baby Tears

SDOT observations: Most houses along this stretch have gardens in the planting strip. There is a 3 foot tall conifer in the inset picture. Although the plantings help to soften the edges of the sidewalk, they should be kept pruned back enough to allow for a wheel chair to easily pass by.

Mulched: Uses compost

Phinney Ave N & N 67th St



Categories entered: Planting Strip/Curb Bulb
Volunteers: Phinney Neighborhood Association
Year Built: 2001 & 2003

Years: 3
Size: ~ 30 feet

Description: Heart of Phinney Park is a serene green oasis that feels farther from the street than it really is. The garden was created in two phases (2001 and 2003) in conjunction with traffic safety improvements. Plantings of trees, shrubs, flowering perennials, grasses, and herbs form a mosaic of texture and color throughout the year. Stone-paved seating areas with benches offer places to sit and enjoy the park. A pedestal features a rotating display of sculpture, organized by Francine Seders Gallery.

2004 Plant List: Ornamental Onion, Kinnikinnick, Wormwood, Feather Reed Grass, Variegated Sedge, Curly Sedge, Coneflower, Spurge, Strawberry, Hebe, Lenten Rose, Pacific Coast Iris, Poker, English Lavender, Brass Buttons, Cascade Oregon Grape, Heavenly Bamboo, Dwarf Fountain Grass, Jerusalem Sage, New Zealand Flax, Scotch Moss, Scarlet Tangerine Sage, Sedum, Magic Carpet Spiraea, Japanese Snowbell, Creeping Thyme

SDOT observations: There are two curb bulbs on the west side of Phinney (planted 2003) and one on the east side at the Community Center (planted 2001). Some tall grass and shrubs may cause some visibility problems in the future.

Mulched: Yes

Fremont Ave N & N 63rd St



Categories entered: Traffic Circle

Volunteers: Camille McGee

Year Built: 1997

Years: 4

Size: 16 feet

Description: This circle has lots of seasonal appeal! Spring and Summer are smashing, but there is plenty of Fall color, too. Camille's goal is to create a seasonal self-contained circle, and each year she perfects it a little more. She uses some fertilizer and Sluggo, but no pesticides. She says it's hard to get work done out in the circle, because so many people stop by to thank her! Last year's winner in "Car Stoppin' Gorgeous!"

2004 Plant List: Ajuga, Achillea (Yarrow), Allium, Blue Oat Grass, Ceonothus (Wild Lilac), Cerostuim, Shasta Daisies, Delphenium, Euphorbia, German Iris, Steeladeoro dwarf dliah, Golden Oregano, Lavender, Red & Golden Barberry, Spirea, Dead nettle, Marigolds, Nandine (Worcester Gold Bluebeard)

SDOT observations: Nicely tended circle garden.

Mulched: Yes

5602 8th Ave NE
(at 8th Ave NE & NE 56th)



Categories entered: Planting Strip/Curb Bulb

Volunteers: Julie King

Years: 15

Year Built: n/a

Size: ~ 30 feet

Description: This award-winning garden was featured in Better Homes and Gardens. The beds are arranged by color: a June flowering pastel planting under a Spartan apple tree, a fiery palette surrounds the hydrant, an arborized rosemary anchors a bed of blue and yellow foliage and flowers, and the eastmost bed is in sunrise oranges and burgundies. This garden illustrates how much can flourish without regular watering and soil that isn't rich.

2004 Plant List: Spartan apple, berberis thunbergii 'Atropurea Nana' 'Royal Cloak' and 'Atropurea', Rosemary, Raphiolepis umbellata 'Minor', Spirea 'Magic Carpet', Birch tree, Ballota pseudodictamnus 'Nana', Phlomis russeliana, Pacific Coast iris, Penstemon pinnifolia, Helianthemum, Santolina, Euphorbia, Allium, Agapanthus, grasses, verbascum, Zaucheneria californica, Geum 'Starker Magnificum'

SDOT observations: There is a Birch tree in the curb bulb off the left of this picture, and the garden extends a bit further down the road to the right.

Mulched: Yes

28th Ave NE & NE 62nd St



Categories entered: Traffic Circle

Volunteers: Michael Twomey & Sue Truman

Years: 8

Year Built: 1997

Size: 16 Feet

Description: Michael Twomey is 13 years old and soon to be 8th grader at Villa Academy. He has put in many hours on the traffic circle as a community service project for school. He has helped 15 of the younger children in the neighborhood make a stepping stone to put in the traffic circle. They visit their stone several times a week! You can't start too early in promoting pride and involvement in your community! In addition, he helped plant, water and weed.

Last year's winner in "Just for Fun"

2004 Plant List: Sedum, African daisies, shasta daisies, Maple tree, blueberry bush, red hot pokers.

SDOT observations: Bird houses and other ornaments are found below the tree canopy. Tree should be thinned and raised for W81 visibility.

Mulched: No

6535 49th Ave NE
(beyond 49th Ave NE & NE 65th)



Categories entered:	<u>Planting Strip</u>	
Volunteers:	Carol Robins & Shelby Lockhart	Years: 3
Year Built:	n/a	Size: ~ 50 feet

Description: Shelby has brought in orphan plants, mostly natives, and flowers from other people's discards, quite a few drought tolerant plants, and filled the area with them. It is a colorful, joyous, and varied grouping of specimens that constantly elicits comments from neighbors. Neighbors like walking by this strip and comment on it regularly. It is one of very few landscaped strips in the neighborhood and offers a model of drought tolerant plants and aesthetically pleasing design and color.

2004 Plant List: Blue Oat Grass, Vine maple, Peony, Daylily, Creeping Jenny, Blood grass, Campanula, Chives, Lavender, Senecio, Geranium, Astilbe, Dianthus, Mint, Nandina, Borgania, Hypericum, Roses, Strawberry, Festuca blanca, Variegated Iris.

SDOT observations: This mid-block planting strip contains a few very young trees.

10025 39th Ave NE
(beyond the intersection of 39th Ave NE & NE 100th St)



Categories entered: Planting Strip
Volunteers: Patty & Bill Lavelle
Year Built: n/a
Years: 20
Size: ~25 ft long

Description: This unimproved planting strip (no curb) is typically used to park upon. However, the Lavelles use theirs to brighten the road! This strip looks especially nice in spring and summer, attracting people to stop and admire, and take a picture or two. This garden is 100% organic, using homemade compost and leaf mulch. Beyond the planting strip lies a vegetable garden.

2004 Plant List: Pachysandra, strawberries, spirea, delphinium, forget-me-not, columbine, lavender, coral bells, daises, iris, poppies, liatris, love-in-the-mist, crocosmia, geranium.

SDOT observations: This planting strip has no sidewalk and no curb. The flower garden gradually turns into a vegetable garden.

Mulched: Yes

17th Ave NE & NE 113th St



Categories entered: Traffic Circle

Volunteers: Hank Bobala

Year Built:

Years: 4

Size: 10 Feet

Description: Hank changes the plant selection several times a year, keeping this garden colorful and striking throughout the year. (This also allows use of plants that are tender or that would otherwise get too tall if left in the ground longer) He tends his garden daily, and tries to display plants that people have not seen before.

Last year's winner in "People's Choice" because he handed out flyers to passing vehicles and neighbors! Very active community member.

2004 Plant List: Black Aeonium, small red cactus, Skullcap, Sanchezia nobilis, Iresine herbstii, Asparagus Ferns, geranium, Blackie sweet potato vine, orange crossandra, yellow queen shrimp plant, phormium 'Merlot' flax, Cordyline terminal 'apple juice', Phormium 'Sabre dark green', Phormium 'Rainbow queen', honeysuckle fuchsia, blue fan flower 'Scaevola', yucca 'Garland Gold', Vinca major, Erysimum linifolium, Platt's black brass buttons, Senecio gregi, yellow spider mums, climber's Gloriosa lilies, Euphorbia, Zinnia, Hibiscus, artemesia, and many more.

SDOT observations: This circle garden is actually under surveillance with a video camera perched in Hank's yard to deter plant theft.

Mulched: Yes, uses compost

8th Ave NE & NE 82nd St



June 2004



Spring 2004

Categories entered: Traffic Circle
Volunteers: Helen Dickinson
Year Built: 1990

Years: 14
Size: 16 Feet

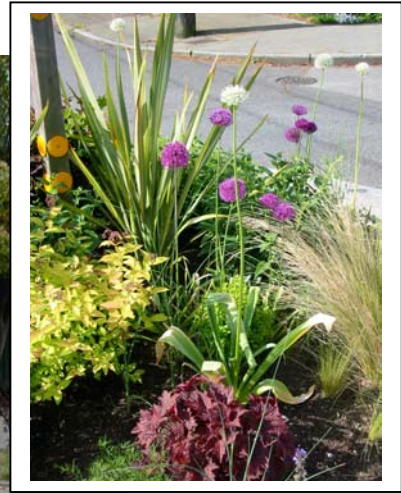
Description: A variety of colors and textures are used to display the plants to their best advantage. This garden shines Spring and Fall, although there is also some Winter interest.

2004 Plant List: Maple tree, tulips, daffodils, dusty miller, heather, grape hyacinth, cotoneaster, and dwarf hollyhocks.

SDOT observations: Some bare soil, opportunistic flowers, and some tall plants currently. We were too late to catch the spring show, when there are plenty of bulbs to fill the gaps!

Mulched: No

Warren Ave N & Newell St



Categories entered: Traffic Circle

Volunteers: Bruce & Christine Swee

Years: 3

Year Built: 2001

Size: 16 Feet

Description: Fifteen types of draught tolerant plants and assorted foliage were used to incorporate both color and texture, keeping visual harmony with the four neighboring corner landscapes. The pyramiding arrangement is artistically broken up with different seasonal colors and plant heights. This design requires little maintenance due to its drought resistant plants, moderate to low and open foliage for good traffic visibility, and spacious enough to allow easy access to the entire area of the circle. It retains color and a variety of textures to accommodate all seasons. It highlights different plants depending on the season, while reducing the appearance of those plants having died back from the previous season.

The only soil building we have done to our traffic circle has been with natural organic composted materials. We weed by hand, and use no fertilizers or mulch. The planting was done with the idea of low maintenance and plants that are seasonally comfortable with our climate and precipitation.

2004 Plant List: Ajuga reptans 'Purpurea', Coreopsis 'Moon Beam', Crocus 'Lady Killer', Bergenia 'Bressingham White', Heuchera 'Purple Coral Bells', Physelius 'Moon Raker', Buxus 'Green Jade', Hordeum Jubatum, assorted Alliums including Allium Sphaerocephalum, Spirea 'Gold Flame', Physocarpus 'Diablo', and Phormium 'Cream Delight'.

SDOT observations: A very lively planting on a hilly street. Phormium could get too big.

Mulched: No

Nob Hill Ave N & Blaine St



Categories entered: Traffic Circle

Volunteers: Biz Apaugh

Year Built: 2001

Years:

Size: 12 Feet

Description: A lovely variety of textures and colors. This circle is petite and very sweet in an understated way.

2004 Plant List: A colorful display of many plants.

SDOT observations:

Grass in the center could present sight distance concerns and may need to be transplanted if it gets any taller.

Mulched: could use some mulch

411 University – Fairmont Olympic Hotel (at 4th Ave & University St)



Categories entered: Business District

Commercial Maintenance: Camden Gardens

Year Built: n/a

Years: 8

Size: 2 beds (6 x 6) in the sidewalk

Description: This simple sidewalk garden graces the street with elegance and beauty, right in the heart of downtown. The entry garden is always planted with colorful flowers that jazzes up this busy block.

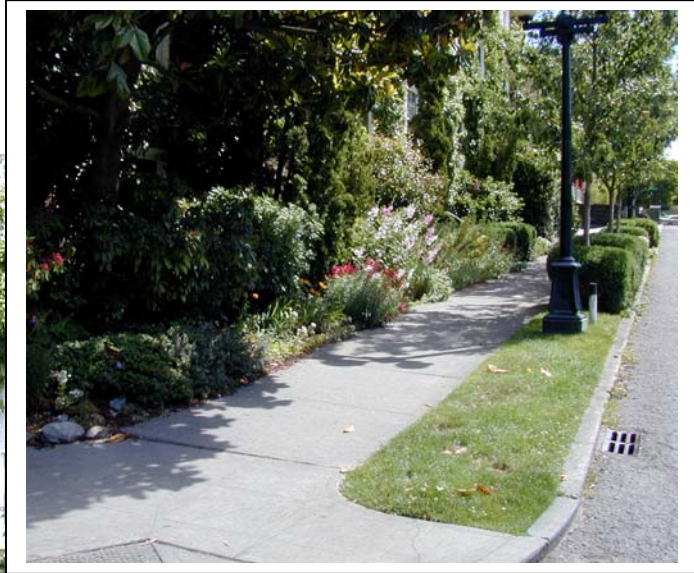
2004 Plant List: Seasonal color is rotated 6 x/year. Boxwood hedge and ivy topiary trees anchor the sidewalk planting. Globe maple and New Zealand fern provide background highlights.

SDOT observations:

A formal garden maintained by Camden Gardens. No power equipment is used on this site and they apply organic fertilizers and IPM for aphids.

Mulched: Yes

400 Boylston Ave E
(at Boylston Ave E & E Harrison St)



Categories entered: Planting Strip

Volunteers: Bob Bent & Peggy Anderson

Years: 8

Year Built: n/a

Size: ~ 40 feet?

Description: English-type garden. Perennials and annuals bloom from early Spring until Fall, looks great in every season except winter.

2004 Plant List: Daffodils, tulips, geraniums, asters, roses, anemones, lilies, daises, coreopsis, poppies, and more.

SDOT observations:

Most of this garden is between the sidewalk and the building.

Mulched: Yes

1717 E Alder St
(at 17th Ave & E Alder St)



Categories entered: Planting Strip

Volunteers: Richard Martin, Harry Zola, Andrea Parra, Christopher Strawn Years: 3
Year Built: n/a Size: 5 x 25

Description: This garden is one of the most colorful in the neighborhood. Filled with diverse shapes, sizes and colors, it stands alone on an otherwise neglected street with very few plantings. The garden is always well tended and new additions are continuously popping up making it a joy to pass by while walking through the neighborhood. Even though they can see it from their front window, it is almost as if the residents have created this garden for the sheer joy of the passersby.

2004 Plant List: Dahlias, roses, cardoon, poppies, peonies, lavender, rosemary, pansies, hollyhock.

SDOT observations: This sure is a well maintained color spot in a neighborhood in sore need of active tree and circle stewards. Although some of the plants exceed the three-foot height limit, there is no loss of visibility at the intersection and no driveways to obscure. Plants of concern are the Cardoon that can be invasive and the English laurel.

Mulched: Yes

36th Ave & E Marion St



Categories entered: Planting Strip/Stairway

Volunteers: Dena Kennedy

Years: 2

Year Built:

Size: 12 x 15

Description: A steeply sloped triangle defined by steps, ramp and street. Landscaped with drought-tolerant flowering plants and evergreen shrubs, in design of triangles within triangles. Replaced previous tangled mess of blackberries, weeds, grass and dumping area for trash.

2004 Plant List: Russian Sage, Purple and White Spanish Lavenders, Ceanothus, Pink Rock Rose, Purple and White Cone Flower, Hardy Geraniums, Pink Missouri Primrose, Coreopsis Moonbeam and C. Early Sunrise, Blue Salvia, Parahebe, Lupines, Lamb ears, Purple Asters, Ornamental grasses, Blue Star Spruce, Japanese Cryptomeria, and Rose of Sharon

SDOT observations:

Hard to garden steep slope site. Plants are filling in. Nicely mulched with beauty bark. The garden upslope (not included with nomination) is maintained by a gardener hired by the abutting homeowner. Overall an example of a well maintained stairway garden.

Mulched: Yes

39th Ave SW & SW Ida St



Categories entered: Traffic Circle

Volunteers: Julie Hale & Patty Tyler

Year Built: 2002

Years: 1

Size: 16 Feet

Description: This year-round beauty was designed for different plants to bloom sequentially. As it matures, this garden's watering needs will drop quite a bit as many of the plantings are drought tolerant.

2004 Plant List: Evergreen magnolia, rosemary, daylily, aster, phormium, tulips, lavender, geranium, marigold, pansy, creeping thyme.

SDOT Observations:

Garden has a few weeds and bare spots. Would benefit from mulch. In January of 2004, the top of the magnolia was broken out by the weight of snow. They are letting the trunk re-sprout to grow a new leader. Phormium may be too tall down the road and will then need to be transplanted.

Mulched: No

44th Ave SW & SW Hinds St



Categories entered: Traffic Circle

Volunteers: Bill Gehring

Year Built: 1993

Years: 7

Size: 24 Feet

Description: This garden is well maintained with large developed flowers in an orderly and attractive arrangement. It looks a lot better than it did years ago, when someone broke down the 2 trees that were in it. The tree that is there actually grew from the broken trunk of the original tree.

2004 Plant List: Irises, daisies, daylillies, mums, hypericum, & birch tree

SDOT Observations:

New volunteer as of this year. Birch tree could be limbed up some for better visibility. Having 4 W81's is unusual. Circle could use more soil and/or a mulching with compost.

Mulched: No (needs mulch)

1928 46th Ave SW
(beyond 46th Ave SW & SW Hill St)



Categories entered: Planting Strip

Volunteers: Ingrid Wimmer

Years: 4

Year Built: n/a

Size: 5 x 25

Description: This drought tolerant garden takes care of itself, except for the occasional weeding.

2004 Plant List: Euphorbias, sedums, Hebe, Lavender, Sages, Rock rose, Ice plant, and more.

SDOT Observations: Nicely tended mid block planting strip garden.

Mulched: Yes